



Hungary takes over the Chairmanship of the Holocaust Task Force



Hungary officially took over the Chairmanship of the Holocaust Task Force from Poland on March 22, 2006, at a ceremony in Warsaw. At the Holocaust Memorial Center in Budapest the day before, Dr. Balint Magyar, Hungarian Minister of Education and now also Chairman of the Task Force, officially announced the transfer of the chairmanship at a press conference attended by representatives of the media and ambassadors from countries that are members of the Task Force.

The new chairman recalled that the Holocaust happened to his fellow citizens. Hungarians were victims and Hungarians were perpetrators. He described national initiatives undertaken by the Hungarian government to support Holocaust education and also emphasized the necessity of increasing international cooperation in that field. He also outlined a programme aimed at reaching out to new countries in order to publicise the work of the Task Force beyond its current borders.

Dr. Gyegerly Arato, Political Under-Secretary at the Hungarian Ministry of Education, and, Peter Feldmayer, President of the Budapest Jewish Community, also made presentations.